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Sir:

Further to Applicants' RCE and IDS filed herein on February 2, 2010, and further to Applicants Supplemental IDS of even date, attached hereto are full Japanese text copies of:

JP A-2001-205504; and
JP UM-A-05-37328.

As previously indicated, these references were among those apparently cited in a communication from a foreign patent office that was issued on or about January 5, 2010 in regards to JP Appln. No. 2004-539556. A copy of the communication is not presently available to Applicants' representative. However, when it is available, a copy of said communication will be made of record herein.

It is acknowledged that on even date herewith, the Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed the RCE and IDS as filed yesterday, February 2, 2010. The JP documents were briefly discussed, including JP A-2001-205054 and the full Japanese text thereof is supplied herewith as a courtesy.

As indicated in the discussion, Applicants representative checked the EPO data base for family members of JP A-2001-205054, but no family members were listed. A print out from the EPO web site is enclosed herewith in confirmation.

Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any omitted fee required to effect entry of this Amendment, including application processing, extension, extra claims, statutory disclaimer, issue, and publication fees, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 with reference to Order No. 7412-88137.

Respectfully submitted,

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